

ANCHORAGE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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AUGUST 1985

"EVENTS"



- August 2 AARC General Meeting Rm. 201 - Building K
Anchorage Community College - 7:00 p.m.
- August 7 VEC Examination - Boy's Club - 6:00 p.m.
Call Roger Hansen - KL7HFQ for confirmation.
- August 14 AARC Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. Hope Cottage Office
2805 Bering Street
- August 31 P.A.R.K.A. meeting. Time & Place to be announced.

— CARD OF THANKS —

The Anchorage Amateur Radio Club Volunteer Examiner Coordinator wishes to thank the following amateurs who have volunteered their time and effort to further this hobby of ours as volunteer examiners in giving examinations to prospective amateurs and those who are trying to upgrade. Without these volunteers this program would not be in existence and would not be a success. Even though the examiners are listed by their respective cities, they may give examinations anywhere within Alaska.



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- PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE -

Well, a month and one general club meeting have gone by since I "ascended" to this high office, and I haven't heard any impeachment rumors yet.

The State Amateur Golf Tournament is now history, and all in all, everything went pretty well, in spite of the short notice, the scramble for volunteers, the "death" of the ASR-28 and TU at Eaglegen, and sometimes uncooperative equipment, antennas and coax. I heard a rumor that the banquet on Sunday night was worth all the hassles. Thanks to all the volunteers who set up, manned the stations and tore down afterwards, and a special thank you to Bud Laws, KL7IBZ, who coordinated most of the event and followed up to make certain that everything went according to plan, or as close as possible to the plan, anyway.

We have a couple of leads for the Flea Market site, but nothing definite as yet. The National Guard Armory is available, but the cost is relatively high. The other possible location may be available, but, as of this writing, has not been investigated.

While on the subject of the Flea Market, a chairman or co-chairmen is/are needed to coordinate the event. We need to get started on this now, so we can have a good Flea Market that Wilse KL7CQ will be proud to auctioneer at, which he has volunteered to do if we can put together a good event. Remember, this is the prime fund-raising event for the club, so it requires 100 percent participation to be successful. To volunteer, call now; our Board members are standing by to sign you up. And if you don't call, we'll call you!!

Also, contact Art Taylor, KL7SK, for raffle tickets. Last I heard, he had a whole bunch of them to get into circulation and sold.

Items to be donated to the club for sale or auction at the Flea Market should be dropped off at Harley Steward's, KL7IZZ, garage. If you can't get it there for whatever reason, contact me and I will arrange transportation for it.

Our VEC Chairman, Roger Hansen KL7HFQ will be travelling to Gettysburg, Pa. the first part of August to participate in an FCC sponsored seminar for all VE's nationwide, in an attempt to streamline the national VE program.

The annual ACC Arts Fair is scheduled for September 7, and the AARC has been asked to help out again by providing roving patrols to aid lost parents and provide emergency communications. Bob McKinnie AL7AW is working to organize the event and could use some help. If you would like to co-chair with Bob, or just help out, give him a call before he calls you.

Finally, thanks for not making the first month too hard on me. With a little practice, I might even make it through the WHOLE year!!

73's


Lance Dunbar AL7BK
President, AARC





AMATEUR RADIO CLASSES



TECHNICIAN-GENERAL-ADVANCED

The Anchorage Community College, Eagle River Extension, is offering a 3 credit course for obtaining a General or Technician Class Amateur Radio License, and a 1 credit course for learning the International Morse Code. Classes are 15 weeks.

ET 101 FUNDAMENTALS OF HAM RADIO 3 CREDITS

ET 102 INTERNATIONAL MORSE CODE 1 CREDIT

LOCATION: Kiska Hall, Fort Richardson - Room 8

ET 101 will meet Thursdays beginning Sept. 12, 1985 from 1830-2130 hrs.

ET 102 will meet Wednesdays beginning Sept. 11, 1985 from 1815-1915 hrs.

REGISTRATION:

Registration is now open. PLEASE SIGN UP EARLY. For registration information, please call Sandy at Ft. Richardson, 428-1228.

Since the International Morse Code is a requirement for obtaining an Amateur License, it is recommended to sign up for both classes.

The required instructional materials are:

1. Amateur Radio Theory Course, AMECO Publishing Corp.
2. The ARRL Technician/General Class License Manual for the Radio Amateur, ARRL, publisher.

Optional reading material is: The Radio Amateur's Handbook, ARRL, publisher.

For both ET 101 and ET102, we strongly recommend the following cassette tapes. Each set consists of two tapes, sides 1 & 2 and sides 3 & 4:

- Set 1: Codemaster CM-1 Morse Code up to 9 words per minute (wpm).
Set 2: Codemaster CM-1 1/2 Morse Code up to 17 wpm.

The books and code tapes can be purchased at Electronics Supply Center (Radio Shack) in Mountain View, phone 277-2142.

THE MORSE CODE REQUIREMENT IS THE BIGGEST STUMBLING BLOCK FOR MOST ASPIRING HAMS!!

It is therefore suggested that prospective students buy the code tapes NOW and START LEARNING !!!

There may be another class-ET293A Intermediate Ham Radio Fundamentals-for obtaining an Advanced Class Amateur License. This class has the prerequisite of a Technician or General License or ET101. If you are interested please contact Linda Harmon 333-4754. The class will be on Tuesdays beginning Sept. 10 from 1830-2030 hrs. at Kiska Hall, Room 8. THERE MUST BE 15 STUDENTS TO HOLD THIS CLASS.

The instructor for these classes will be:

WILSE MORGAN, KL7CQ phone 345-1061



A YL's POINT OF VIEW

Greetings from Peters Creek. . . .

Now that Field Day is over, the next big "event" for AARC is the Flea Market. Pitch in and volunteer whatever time you can spare. Especially for you YL's. It's great fun and very satisfying to help your club.

Congratulations to our new club officers. I know you will all do a good job and thanks for the super job done by the outgoing officers.

Being a QSL Mgr was a lot of fun. I really enjoyed it & learned a lot. Every DXer ought to do it at least once. Here are a few things I experienced as a manager. It all started when we were stationed in Mississippi. We (Rich and myself) were members of the Miss. Coast Amateur Radio Club in Gulfport. A friend, Bea Daniels, WD5JXT, asked if I might consider being QSL Mgr. for her friend Jay. I didn't know much about it, but thought it would be fun, so I met & talked with Jordan Befort, N5DNX at the next meeting. I found out that he was in the Navy. He was a medic with a construction battalion and was going to Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean. VQ9 land! I already had my DXCC & had worked a lot of DX so I figured that was a little experience and I volunteered to do it for him. Besides, no one else wanted to! Jay had a few thousand QSL cards made up and had already applied for his call. About a week after he got there he received it - VQ9JB, his initials. He said all I had to do now was answer all the cards that came in for him.

When he started operating his station at the club there, he gave my call, name, and address as his manager. We decided for US stations, an SASE was in order. For DX stations we asked for 2 IRC's (International Reply Coupons) available in that country. In the meantime, I wrote QST (QSL Corner) and informed them I was manager for VQ9JB. Then I got a fancy stamp made that said QSL Manager WD5BHP (my old call), and another stamp that said VQ9JB and proceeded to stamp several thousand cards. I thought this was fun and going to be easy. After I got my foot out of my mouth, I got serious.

Jay was there for about 9 mos. & within a wk. he was on the air. He was a new ham and had never been "DX" before, let alone operated much, but he was a "PRO" from the beginning. We discussed lots of things about operating before he left. Band conditions, beam headings, what bands and frequencies he should use, how to tell hams to QSL, and how to go about operating from a rare DX country. We both learned so much and it was a great experience. Jay and I would meet on the air about 3 times a week. 20 meters some, 15 meters occasionally, but mostly on 10 meters. We seemed to have a pipeline on 10. Of course that was when propagation was still pretty good. '81-'82. Jay and I would talk awhile and I would fill him in on how his family & friends were doing. Sometimes his friends would get on and talk to him also. But it wasn't long before "half the world" was calling him, so I just sat back and listened. Jay would state at the beginning of his transmission who he was; call, name, QTH & who his QSL manager was and how to QSL. Then he would work stations for several hours while I listened. Many times I would call his wife, Helen, turn on the phone patch and let her listen.

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Anyway it wasn't long before the cards started rolling in. I bet the post office and our mailman in Biloxi just loved me!! You'd be surprised how some of the cards came in. Of course I couldn't answer any of them until I received Jay's logs, so I started sorting them according to states and to countries. He worked all states and over 200 countries while he was there, plus got his WAC and WAZ awards.

Sometimes he would check into DX nets which would give him a little rest from handling it all by his himself. Pile-ups were horrendous! I ran lists for him many times and had trouble sleeping at night because of all those callsigns in my ears BZZZZZZZZzzzzzzing!!! He did a great job though. It wasn't easy. Jay liked torag chew, which is great, and did often, but there were so many out there needing his card for DXCC that he couldn't as much as he wanted. It must be terrible to be a DX station and all they want is a signal report and info on how to QSL.

Now it was really getting interesting. I was getting Jay's logs and it was time for callouses and writer's cramp. Some of those cards were a God awful mess! Scribbled, unreadable, been rained on, or worse! Lots of them had wrong dates, wrong days, wrong times, or the wrong year! Some were in Zulu time, some in EST, some in PST, etc. etc., and boy was it hard to figure and took so much time.

The best QSL card I've found as a manager, is a card with all the information on one side. Saves a lot of time. Also, keeping all the times in ZULU. Writing out the month is best. For example, 5-8-82. "What is that?" I wondered. Is it May 8th or August 5th. Ever wonder why it took so long to get your card back? Maybe it was because it took the manager 3 months to look through 18 log pages to see if it was May or August.

Now here I was a QSL manager with my information given on the air often, notified QST, been in the callbook several years & I was receiving cards for Jay from the W5 QSL bureau. People were sending them to the bureau instead of me!! I don't think the W5 bureau liked me either. Some were sending their cards to Jay direct at the club on Diego. He had to send them to me, which took more time, because I had the log books. Some even sent them to his home. There was another delay because I had to get them from his wife. Maybe they didn't trust me! - - but I was the only one who had his cards.

Those were just some of the crazy things which happened as a manager. Some were worse. I even got long distant calls from hams asking if I was really Jay's manager, or if I would set up a sked with them to work Jay. I guess what I'm trying to say as an ex-mgr. is listen before yelling and get all the info you need. Keep accurate log, and in ZULU time. Write out the month, print clearly and send it as you are instructed. And by all means, don't go to the bathroom if you are on a list! You may be next. . .

All in all, I had a great time as a manager. I met a lot of great hams, worked a lot of new countries and finally learned geography. I'd do it again too. I have quite a few pictures of the island if anyone is interested.

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Jay and I are good friends. He's stationed in N. Carolina now, & believe it or not, I still get cards for him. When he returned from the Island, he presented me with a beautiful plaque with the map of the islands on it and words of thanks. That made it all worth while & it's proudly displayed in our "radio room".

For QSL-ing to DX stations having no manager or specific QSL info, the ARRL outgoing bureau is great (if you're an ARRL member). Info. is in QST. Also in the callbook is a list of bureaus for all the different countries.

John Bierman, KL7GNP, is the KL7 QSL manager and does an outstanding job. Keep stamped envelopes or money or file with him and check with him on your incoming cards.

I hope you enjoyed the article and that it was of some interest to you.

See you next month!

73's - Shari, AL7FJ

HAMMING IT UP IN THE KITCHEN

I got this recipe from my sis who lives in Oaxaca, Mexico. It tastes a lot like Chicken Enchiladas, with lots less work! Soooooo Good!

PASTEL INDIO

Boil up a chicken, with onion & garlic. Debone. Save broth to cook some rice in to use as a side dish.

Dip a stack of corn tortillas (one at a time!) in and out of hot oil to soften. Drain on paper towels. In round oven proof dish: Layer -

Tortillas, chopped chicken, then dot here and there with Mexican Salsa, sour cream, Cilantro (or parsley will do), & then a good layer of 3 kinds of cheese grated together. (such as cheddar, monterrey jack & mozzarella) Continue layering, til dish is full, ending with cheese of course. Bake for 30 min. at 350.

KEEP COOKIN'



Ham radio pioneer Wallace dies at 86

Los Angeles Times

LONG BEACH, Calif. — Don C. Wallace, a pioneer in radio communications and dean of the country's long-distance amateur radio operators, died here Saturday after suffering a stroke. He was 86.

From his "antenna ranch" atop a ridge on the nearby Palos Verdes Peninsula, Wallace had been in touch with more people in more countries than any other ham operator in the world since 1955, colleagues said Sunday.

"He was the No. 1 man, No. 1 in the world," said Lloyd Colvin of Richmond, Calif., a director of YASME, a worldwide ham organization. "We have nearly 2 million people in the world who have amateur radio as a hobby, and I'd say a very high percentage either knew of Don or had talked with him over the years."

A licensed radio operator by 1912, Wallace was chief radio operator for President Woodrow Wilson at the Versailles peace conference after

World War I. In 1923, he received a silver cup from the Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover for operating "the best all-around radio station" in the country.

Through the years, Wallace, a Long Beach resident since 1906, became famous for his designs and experimentation in amateur radio stations, said Colvin. In 1945 he bought the old Press Wireless communications facility at Palos Verdes.

From there, he became perennial champion "collector of countries" — reaching 365 places classified as nations by the American Radio Relay League by 1980. His overseas contacts and those of others competing for top honors were verified by the league.

"It's like being a world champion golfer for 25 years or the world's top runner for that long," he said in a 1980 interview. The antennas, whose designs he was constantly improving, were the key to his success, he said.

1985 STATE GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

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NL7GE	LYLE REIFF	OPERATED SUNDAY: ALSO, KNOCKDOWN
KL7L0	DAVID EPSTEIN	OPERATED SUNDAY: ALSO, KNOCKDOWN
KL7VS	BILL EVERETT	SET UP
KL7WM	DANIEL STEVENS	SET UP AND UNLOAD
KL7IZZ	HARLEY STEWART	OPERATED THURSDAY & FRIDAY
AL7AW	BOB MC KINNEY	KNOCKDOWN
KL7YF	RICK MARVIN	KNOCKDOWN
AL7BK	LANCE DUNBAR	ORGANIZATION AND SET UP
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SENTENCE, I

ANCHORAGE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.
Minutes of general club meeting, July 12, 1985
Room 201, Building K, Anchorage Community College campus

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm by President Lance Dunbar AL7BK. Introductions were held; there were 58 people present.

Art Taylor KL7SK reported on the **Flea Market raffle ticket sales**. Tickets are \$10 each, and come in books of ten tickets. Contact Art for details.

Roger Hansen KL7HFQ reported that the VEC is giving **Amateur Radio examinations** at the Motley Group Picnic, July 12, at the Byers Lake campground, Mile 147 of the Parks Highway. Exams are scheduled to be given the first Wednesday of each month at the Boy's Club at 6:00 pm. When school starts again in September, we will go back to giving exams at the Gladys Wood Elementary School.

The **July Board of Directors meeting** will be held on July 24, not July 17, due to scheduling problems.

David Epstein KL7LO gave the **Field Day wrap-up**. The weather cooperated, the food was memorable, and the beer was cold. Unfortunately, we probably did not rack up as high a score as the Juneau club, a point our friends to the south are sure to dwell upon at great length if true!

Doug Dickinson KL7IKX, **VHF Committee** Chairperson, reported that the club's 220-MHz repeater and one of the 440-MHz links were suffering from the effects of intermod. He is looking into the matter.

Bud Laws KL7IBZ reported on activities involving the **State Golf Tournament**. We are passing traffic on voice this year due to the untimely demise of a teletype terminal unit on Friday. It seems to be working well, and the tournament officials are alleged to prefer the voice mode over TTY insofar as they can more readily understand what's going on.

Lance announced that **VEC Chairperson Roger Hansen KL7HFQ will be traveling to Gettysburg, PA**, to represent the Alaska VEC in a seminar of all VECs on August 8. Lance said that Roger received a personal invite from the FCC to be on hand, and that the Commission may offer Roger as a shining example of perfection in VEC-dom. Our reports have been on time and the integrity of our testing system is unimpeachable!

The Club needs a volunteer to organize our **Arts Fair** efforts. This year's event will take place on the ACC Campus on Saturday, September 7. A sign-up sheet was circulated at the meeting, but we need someone to orchestrate the effort.

The Club also needs a **Flea Market Chairperson** to honcho the big event on September 14-15. Wilse Morgan KL7CQ volunteered to manage the Flea Market auctioneering activities. Anyone interested in being the Flea Market Chairperson is urged to contact Lance as soon as possible. In the meantime, anyone with equipment that is to be auctioned off at the Flea Market may deliver it to Harley Steward KL7IZZ's garage for storage until September. Harley has graciously agreed to serve as the club locker custodian until the Flea Market, after which we will hopefully have a new "home" for club equipment, boat anchors, etc.

John Bierman KL7GNP arrived at the meeting sporting a natty Arctic ARC jacket and suggested that there might be some interest in coming up with an **Anchorage ARC jacket**. The Fairbanks club jacket has their logotype on the back, is pile-lined, and costs approximately \$33. David Epstein KL7LO submitted to overwhelming peer pressure and agreed to research the matter for the AARC.

Lance presented AARC Ham-of-the-Year Douglas Dickinson KL7IKX with a **Certificate of Appreciation** from the Office of the Governor.

We gave away a few door prizes, then the floor was relinquished to Jerry Smith and Sara McCullough of the American Red Cross. They gave a presentation on **Disaster Services**. An hour in to the presentation, it was decided to stop for the evening and continue with the second half at the August club meeting. After completion of the Disaster Services presentation, the Red Cross personnel will put on additional sessions at the September and October club meetings. Upon completion of these sessions, attendees will be sufficiently trained to effectively help out the Red Cross with damage survey activities following an emergency or disaster situation. In conjunction with our communications capabilities, this will make the AARC a very useful organization in the eyes of the Red Cross.

We completed door prize drawings, received a brief **Section Manager** update of ARRL activities from David Stevens KL7EB, and, on that high note, adjourned the meeting at 9:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



David B. Epstein KL7LO
Secretary

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| SECRET MESSAGE! |
| The new code for time on 94 is 80. |
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GLENN JACKSON — K7NZR

(Editor's Note:...I traveled clear to Orting, Washington for this interview! Actually, I went there for a visit with my Uncle Glenn and family, and while there, the thought occurred to me that you might like to "meet" my Uncle Glenn — an absolutely great 85 year old ham! The result follows.)

Glenn Henry Jackson was born on December 11, 1900 at Denver, Oklahoma, which is 20 miles E. of Norman. His dad was a farmer and Glenn had 4 sisters and 1 brother. He was born in the heart of Indian Territory, and his father leased his land from the Indians of the Creek tribe. Their nearest neighbor was a Creek Indian, named Tolley Wolley Massey Scott! He was unusually educated for an Indian at that time; having been sent by some benefactors, to Lawrence, Kansas, for educating.

Glenn had to work terribly hard as a child. His father was a strict disciplinarian, who wasn't above using a hickory stick — if he could catch Glenn! The whole family picked cotton to try to boost the family budget — even the young children. Glenn picked 60 pounds one day when he was only 6 years old!

Glenn's dad was a sleepwalker and talker. He woke up at 3:00 a.m. one morning, hollering for Glenn to "go hitch up the horses" and get to work. Fearing his dad's wrath if he questioned or disobeyed, Glenn obediently rolled out and went and hitched up the horses, only to discover his dad had been talking in his sleep.

A favorite memory of a hard childhood was a pet deer he had. His dad, while riding across the range one morning, came upon a baby deer, whose mother had apparently been killed by someone. His dad brought this wild alive baby deer home riding on his horse (no small feat!) and the children got to care for it for several years. When they left the territory, there was no way to take it, so they shipped it to the Oklahoma City Park Zoo.

Glenn ran away from home several times around the age of 16 — using such an "original" alias as... John Smith! (I teased him a bit about his "creativity". His brother squealed on him the first time, and he came back and started school that fall, riding a horse to school. That didn't last long, and he took off again for Herndon, where he got a job with a farmer who later talked him into going home for awhile longer.

He went to Bible School in Kansas City between 1920 and 1922, then went home to Nebraska where he supplied pulpits here and there, also farming for a bit. His first full time pastorate was at Brewster, Nebraska. He met his wife, Wanda who was a school teacher, at a convention, and their courtship included traveling with a group of young people in the back of a truck all the way to Anderson Indiana to a Church of God Camp Meeting; and then to Chicago, Illinois to the World's Fair. They were married in 1935 — so are celebrating their 50th anniversary this month!

Glenn got his Amateur Radio License in 1960 as a Novice — and then upgrading to General. He had the fun of operating from the Seattle World's Fair in 1962 for the Seattle Mike and Key Club — of which he is a member. He got involved in Ham thru his son, Larry, who learned radio from Glenn's nephew in Nebraska in 1946-48. He has Worked All States; as well as places such

as Australia, Japan, Formosa, New Zealand, etc. Glenn uses a Hammerlund HX50 transmitter and a Nat. 303 receiver, with a dipole antenna. He and Larry are justifiably proud of their huge library of radio books. A note of interest is that Glenn was the one who got our own local, KL7JGU, interested in radio - and in fact gave him his Novice test! And to carry it a bit farther, it was JGU who dragged his mom to Wilse's class. . .and hence A C has its present Newsletter Editor!(See what you've done Uncle Glenn!)

Besides his interest in Ham Radio, Glenn is just plain interested in LIFE! He still rides bicycle, gets out and does things - such as taking a class in Creative Writing and has written poetry for years. I picked out one of his poems to print here, because it is indicative I think of his general attitude toward Life. We could all take a lesson from him. I salute you Uncle Glenn. You've been a real inspiration to me!

-Bonnie Jennings NL7DF

RETIRED OR RETREADED

-By Glenn H. Jackson

There is a time in Life
Many have always dreaded
Why not bypass retirement years -
Simply get retreaded?

One never need give up
Because their hair is grey;
because years pile up
Somewhere along the way.

No need to die inside
Because we're not as young as some
Whiling away priceless years,
Is nothing short of dumb!

We've learned a lot of things
That years alone can teach
Many years of usefulness
May be within our reach.

So you and I "get with it" . . .
Have a lot of fun -
Give to all impressions
That Life has just begun!



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